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For: Disposable Absorbent Garment Having
a Folded Panel for Improved Fit and
Exudate Containment

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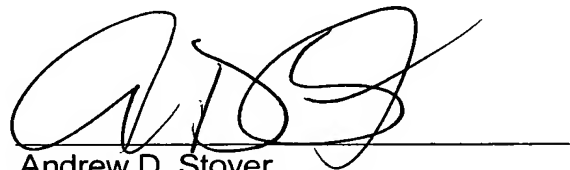
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